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CARACAS FOR DCM AND DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR			
FOR AMBASSADOR FROM S/NM			
1. APPRECIATE HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR REGIONAL MEETING CONFIDENTIAL			
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OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND APPROVE CCINC FUNDING

FOR SUCH A MEETING.

- 2. IN VIEW QUITO 1584, WOULD APPEAR DESIRABLE INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR, AS WELL AS INTERPOL NARCOTICS LIAISON OFFICER FOR LATIN AMERICA (DR. JESUS GOMEZ AVILAR, ICOP-INTERPOL, 26 RUE ARMENGAUD, 92210 SAINT CLOUD, FRANCE) SO AS TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND USE OF INTERPOL MECHANISMS. (FYI: AVILAR IS VENEZUELAN POLICE OFFICIAL SECONDED TO INTERPOL.)
- 3. ALSO SEE MERIT TO ADDING REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, GENEVA, TO ADD EMPHASIS TO

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THRUST OF MEETING.

- 4. AGREE FULLY THAT MEETING SHOULD BE HOSTED BY BOLIVIANS AND THAT EXPENSES OF MEETING, INCLUDING TRAVEL OF PARTICIPANTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, SHOULD BE CHANNELED THROUGH GOB, MAINTAINING VERY LOW KEY USG INVOLVEMENT. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS A REGIONAL MEETING ON NARCOTICS MATTERS, BELIEVE GOB SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO INVITE BOTH THE DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND THE INTERPOL REPRESENTATIVE, SINCE BOTH DO IN FACT PLAY KEY ROLES IN REGIONAL NARCOTICS EFFORT AND SINCE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT IN THIS AREA IMPACTS HEAVILY ON US.
- 5. SUGGEST THAT DECISION CONCERNING THREE OR FIVE DAY LENGTH OF MEETING BE DEFERRED PENDING DECISION ON AGENDA ITEMS, BUT PREFER GREATER PUNCH OF SHORTER MEETING. AGENDA SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED TO PERMIT MAXIMUM POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS WITHOUT DILUTING EFFECT OF MEETING EITHER BY OMITTING ESSENTIAL ITEMS BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITATIONS OR BY STRETCHING SUBJECT MATTER MERELY TO FILL PREDETERMINED TIME FRAME.
- 6. WE ARE REPEATING LA PAZ 1484 TO BOGOTA AND QUITO AND ASK THOSE EMBASSIES TO INFORM LA PAZ IF THEY BELIEVE PARTICIPATION BY THEIR HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL AND APPROPRIATE. WE ALSO REPEATING LA PAZ 1484 TO CARACAS FOR INFO. QUITO 1584 BEING REPEATED LA CONFIDENTIAL

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PAZ, BUENOS AIRES, AND SANTIAGO FOR INFO. INGERSOLL

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